

Russians Drive German Forces From Pskoff in Series of Hard Fought Battles

RED LEADERS GIVE PLEDGE TO DIE WITH FACE TO FACE

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.—Despite acceptance of German imposed peace, mobilization and hurried preparations for the defense of Petrograd continue.

Small German detachments are reported moving toward Petrograd from Pskoff 100 miles southwest of Petrograd. Workmen's battalions were quickly organized and several are moving in the direction of Pskoff.

Call to Arms Sounded.

As soon as the news of the capture of Pskoff was received here the factory whistle-called the workmen to arms. Their spirit is belligerent, and they are determined to die for the revolution.

The defense committee issued a proclamation declaring the revolutionary capital is in the gravest danger, and urging all to fight and die for the revolution.

Russ Begs Counter Attacks.

After the capture of Pskoff, the Germans advanced several stations. The Russians then began a counter-offensive and the city changed hands several times. The remaining Russian workmen's battalions are continuously leaving for Pskoff.

Red Guards and Lettish riflemen finally recaptured the Pskoff postoffice, battling in the streets with German detachments which had been cut off from the main lines.

Reval was stubbornly defended before it was captured.

Workmen Join Army.

The garrison soldiers refuse to fight, but the workmen are enthusiastically joining the revolutionary army. Four thousand from the Putkoff works and 3,000 from the Viborg and Spindly districts have formed an armed camp, with red flags flying.

The scenes at today's meeting of the Soviets executive committee were most stirring.

Men accustomed to follow Premier Lenin unwaveringly cursed and swore, demanding that the revolution die fighting.

Despair Fills Chambers.

Despair filled the ante chambers and corridors of the Taurid, which originally saw the birth of the noblest hopes of the revolution.

The coolest and most unconcerned of all was Lenin. The premier, short and stocky, with massive head and sturdy shoulders, deep set eyes, and iron features, walked up and down the famous Ekaterinsky Hall. Lenin calmly discussed the situation, after threatening to resign unless Germany's peace terms were accepted. He ridiculed the idea that Russia is able to fight and pointed out that Russia needed peace at all costs, so as to organize further and strike in revenge at the proper political moment.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The American and British embassies are departing from Petrograd, leaving a few persons in charge, according to Exchange Telegraph dispatches from Petrograd.

The State Department has received a dispatch from the American consul general at Moscow saying that all Americans there are safe. He is making arrangements for their removal to Samara.

Electric Current Ruffles Cat's Fur Like Sigh of Dog

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 26.—A cat has been in the habit of sleeping on a rubber mat under a dynamo in Cleveland's power house.

An employe at the plant removed the mat the other day, and the cat slept on an iron plate.

It didn't seem to hurt the cat, but her fur became so charged with electricity that ever since it has stood stiff on end like the bristles of a hair brush.

500 miles eastward. The understanding in Moscow is that the Germans are proceeding toward that city.

Another dispatch, dated February 25, stated that the Roumanian premier was then on route to Bucharest to meet the German and Austrian foreign ministers. It is believed here that the object of this meeting is to discuss Roumanian peace conditions.

Secretary Lansing refused positively today to discuss for publication the von Hertling speech.

PRESIDENT CALLS AMERICAN RADICALS TO RUSSIAN RESCUE

The American Government is striving to the utmost to stir the Russians to defense of their nation against the invading Teuton.

Aided by radicals in this country, the Government is continuing its educational campaign in Russia. President Wilson himself is behind the new move—a step to blaze the right trail for the Slav masses, no matter what peace steps Lenin and Trotsky take.

The Government is permitting passage of hundreds of cables from radicals in this nation to the Bolshevik leaders, containing a distinct warning against a separate peace and a friendly outstretching of the hand to encourage the struggling, war-torn Russians.

President May Speak.

The President has considered again speaking out in the open to Russia—but it appears likely he will do nothing immediately but await spontaneous reaction in Russia. It may always be set down, however, that President Wilson's purpose is to hold out America's hand to the Russian democracy so long as there is a democracy there to serve. It also may be said that the President has strong faith that the Russian people will react against the hard Teuton peace terms forced on them.

Contrary to the general belief the so-called "American Bolsheviks" are outraged at the action of Lenin and Trotsky in yielding to the German peace terms. This is plainly evidenced by their cables to the Russian leaders today, reports on which were received by the Government here.

Charges that Socialists in the United States were delighted at the Russian peace have brought forth from Congressman Meyer London, only Socialist in Congress, a spirited challenge. He states that Socialists in America want the Russian people to fight—and fight until they whip the German war machine.

It may be many days before the new Russia, confidently anticipated, begins to stir. In the meantime Germany is slowly forging her cherished Mittel Europa.

GERMAN TROOPS MOVE TOWARD TAPS, AFTER TAKING REVAL BASE

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 26.—German troops that occupied the Russian naval base of Reval, at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, are moving in the direction of Taps, according to a report from a German source today.

Taps is forty-one miles northeast of Reval and 150 miles southwest of Petrograd. It lies on the Reval-Petrograd line. From announcements made by the German war office it is apparent that the Germans are following the railway routes in their advance.

PRIVATE BERBERICH MARRIED AT CAMP

Private Robert E. Berberich, son of Robert J. Berberich, now with Battery C, 110th Field Artillery, at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala., was married to Miss Buntie Bradbury, of Washington, at the camp on Wednesday.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. O'Gallagher, post chaplain, Knights of Columbus War activities. Private Berberich's father is paying him a short visit at the camp.

Penny Ante

Too Much Money in the Kitty.



WAS SHE CLOTHED OR WAS SHE NOT? NEW YORK ASKS

HOUSE INDICTED AS USELESS BODY BY CONG. FULLER



COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 26.—An investigation is under way today to place responsibility for the rear-end collision yesterday between two Southern railway passenger trains at Profts, five miles east of here, as a result of which twelve persons are dead and thirty-seven injured.

All of those dead were passengers. Ten were killed outright and two died after being removed to hospitals here.

An inquest was begun over the dead at noon today. Whether or not the flagman on No. 2 left a torpedo on the track to stop No. 6 will be brought out at this hearing.

The list of dead:

- A. ATTIES, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- J. B. MARSHALL, Anderson, S. C.
- M. A. LEAMAN, Greenwood, S. C.
- F. F. BASTER, Newberry, S. C.
- SARAH M. PETHEL, Kannapolis, N. C.
- W. T. RICHARDSON, Atlanta, Ga.
- OTIS BAGGOT BRODIE, Wagner, S. C.
- J. F. NATIOT, (no address)
- H. L. JESTER, Ware Shoals, S. C.
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- W. C. TOMLINSON, Raleigh, N. C.
- MRS. SARAH ELLEN JOHNSON, Columbia, S. C.

BEGIN INQUIRY INTO FATAL WRECK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

RODMAN WANAMAKER HEADS POLICE RESERVES

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Rodman Wanamaker, son of John Wanamaker, the merchant, has accepted the position of special deputy police commissioner in charge of the police reserves, formerly the Home Defense League, according to an announcement made last night by Richard E. Enright, police commissioner. As soon as Mr. Wanamaker becomes familiar with the details of the office Police Inspector John F. Dwyer, now in charge of the reserves, will be assigned to other duties.

The Home Defense League was organized by Arthur Woods as an adjunct to the police department under his regime. It had a membership of 25,000 men. One of the first acts of Mr. Enright after he became police commissioner was to take steps to revitalize the organization.

Senator Sheppard of Texas has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for prohibition in Hawaii for the period of the war. The bill has been previously introduced in the House.

Women gasped at her daring; the men, who had been bored by earlier numbers on the program, awoke with a start. The veil, that floated over her limbs as she stood in the spot light, floated out to the breeze as she darted about the stage, and finally disappeared in the wings, leaving her audience staring.

Miss Moller is from Wisconsin. Asked if he objected to the performance Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan, said: "I did not see it. They rented the house from us, but we did not inquire into the nature of their entertainment. They had a right to do as they like."

Miss Moller denied she was nude. She wore chiffon, she said, but the spectators thought otherwise if she was nude because it was art.

"According to all Greek art, as shown by its statuary, most founded on the nude, there is nothing lewd in the nude," Miss Moller said. "To the contrary, it expresses the most beautiful conception of nature."

"In my act I am trying not to be the modern day conformist with the many artificialities but rather to interpret the esthetic and plastic ideas through spontaneous rhythmic expressions, as I costume myself accordingly in my 'Valse Triste' I wore chiffon crepe, as I similarly did in my other numbers."

"While it is probable the lighting effects in that number may have seemed to show me undraped, nevertheless if that was the effect I hope, from the fact that this dance was so much applauded on my program, that it emphasized on the part of the large majority of the spectators that the art-loving and theatorgoing public has advanced beyond false standards and is quick to appreciate the pure, the beautiful and the chaste, for to the pure all things are pure."

DRINK HOT TEA FOR A BAD COLD

171 WARRANT OFFICERS.

Get a small package of Hamburg Brewed Tea, or as the German folk call it "Hamburg Brewed Tea" at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve, and drink a teaspoonful at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once.

It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.

171 Warrant Officers.

About 171 enlisted men of the Navy have been appointed temporary warrant officers by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, according to a statement of the committee on public information today. The largest number of warrants was Michael, 45; gunner, 31; gunner (electrical), 18; pay clerk, 30; and bosun, 24.

HERTLING GIVES CHANGE TO SHOW GERMANS' POLICIES

GAS RATE RAISE TO 90 OR 95 CENTS WILL BE ALLOWED

By DAVID LAWRENCE. (Continued from First Page.)

Germany—is that Count Von Hertling's speech really a sop to the minority socialists in Germany and the independents in Austria. Count Caernin was compelled by public opinion in Austria to express an agreement with President Wilson's aims because they appealed so strongly to the masses. Count Von Hertling it is now reasoned, must follow the course.

In other words the last two speeches of the German and Austrian chancellors mean simply that neither country can afford to reject the great principles of a settlement proposed by America's free and non-imperialistic spokesmen. Both Caernin and von Hertling are, falsely characterized as the war aim, certain sections of British and French opinion as imperialistic and mislead their auditors into thinking that the British and French people actually agreed with their minority view, but neither the German or Austrian governments can declare that the United States is bent on a war of selfishness, imperialism or conquest, and be believed by their respective peoples.

President Knows Strength.

President Wilson knows full well his strength as a moral leader in the world situation. His iteration and reiteration of the fundamentals of peace since the famous war address of last April have gradually sunk into the minds of all peoples. Reluctantly, therefore, but nevertheless, openly the German chancellor is compelled to make this significant statement: "Meanwhile, I readily admit that President Wilson's message of February 11 constitutes perhaps a small step toward a mutual rapprochement."

But the President can now tell why an approach to an understanding so far as the United States and the allies are concerned has been swept aside by the duplicity of the German government in handling Russia.

Mr. Wilson must make the record clear not only for the sake of the future but for the sake of the masses in Germany and Austria who sooner or later will come to realize that the outside world has not failed to take note of the great wrong done by the imperial government of the viewpoint of the minority socialists in Germany, the no-imperialist and no-annexation pronouncement of December 1914, the principles back of the Reichstag resolution of last year.

All these have now been repudiated in sight of the whole world by the conquering German army in the Baltic provinces. One phrase—"Self-determination"—is enough to illustrate. Viewed by honest nations it means the right of a people to express their preference in form of government. Viewed by the German bureaucracy, it means putting the German army into small countries and by alliances with wealthy land owners, making the rule mean in practical effect—selfish domination.

President Will Answer.

President Wilson will answer Von Hertling. But the answer cannot mean an early peace. It can only mean an uncovering to the world of German hypocrisy, an expression in public of what everybody here at least has felt for some time, that the war must go on until the German people know all of the truth and set up a government in whom the world can have faith.

Whatever is affirmative in Count Hertling's speech, and there is very little of it, unquestionably will be so accepted by the President, but such attempts at evasion as are contained in the suggestion of self-determination for India, Egypt and Ireland, will be met by an explicit characterization, an analysis that will again put the Germans and Austrians on the defensive with their own peoples and the civilized world.

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Consumers' Protection.

The appeal of the gas company from the valuation of the commission, now in the District courts, does not directly touch the question of the legal right of the commission to fix rates on its valuation. The position of Mr. Syme has been that if the company is entitled to an increase, as appeared to be the case, that the commission should not stand upon any technical construction of the law, but should afford the relief necessary, provided the gas company would undo a legal snarl he felt it had involved itself in and stipulate with the commission that consumers should be protected, no matter what the final decision of the court might be either on the appeal or the authority of the commission to increase the rate.

Company Up Against It.

The gas company, although not conceding the soundness of the points made by Mr. Syme, realized that it was up against a bad condition and needed the financial relief now without again going to the courts with new questions of law.

The agreement does not touch the company's right to proceed with its appeal from the commission's valuation. Any valuation that is finally determined can be made the basis for new rate proceedings; if a higher valuation than that of the commission then an increase of rate to return the company 7 per cent; if a lower valuation a decrease in rate. Neither is the company stopped from later seeking an increased rate if war conditions further increase expenditures, as have the commission. Inasmuch as no question of Government ownership of the gas company was laid before the commission, as was done in the telephone case, no passing of the questions at issue to Congress is likely, as was done in the telephone case.

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